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About the Wood Buffalo Newcomer Needs Assessment & How Your Data Will Be Used

The Wood Buffalo Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) is coordinating a community-wide Newcomer Needs Assessment to better understand the experiences, needs, and priorities of people who were born outside of Canada and now call this region home. This project includes two surveys: one for newcomers and one for community partners, employers, and service providers.

Why this project is being done

The goal of this initiative is to strengthen programs and services, guide future planning, and support a coordinated community response that helps newcomers thrive. The information collected will help the LIP and its partners understand what is working well and where improvements are needed.

Who is involved

This project is a collaboration led by the Wood Buffalo LIP with support from YMCA of Northern Alberta and other local and regional partners. A research consultant will support the analysis of survey results.

The LIP/ Newcomer Interagency Network Steering Committee oversees the initiative, members include Association Canadienne Française de l'Alberta (ACFA), Fort McMurray Public School District (FMPSD), Keyano College (Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada, LINC), Francophonie Canadienne Plurielle (FRAP), Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB), and the YMCA of Northern Alberta.

How your information will be used

Your survey responses will be combined with others and used to create **summary reports**, **community presentations**, and **recommendations** for improving programs and services. These summaries will be freely available within the LIP and for agencies working to support newcomers. Some reports may be publicly available on the Wood Buffalo LIP website. No individual responses will ever be published, and no information will be shared in a way that identifies you.



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Who can access the survey data

To support community planning, **some partners in the initiative may request access to the raw (non-identifiable) data for research, evaluation, or planning purposes.**

To ensure responsible use:

- Raw data will **not** be openly accessible.
- All requests must go through a **formal data access process** managed by the Wood Buffalo LIP.
- Only de-identified data will ever be shared.
- Each request will be reviewed to ensure it aligns with the purpose of the initiative and protects privacy.

YMCA Evaluation staff and the research consultant will have access for the purpose of analysis and reporting.

Your privacy

- You do **not** need to provide your name to complete the survey.
- Answers are stored securely and kept confidential.
- Prize draw information (for newcomers who choose to provide contact information) is kept separate from survey responses.
- Participation is voluntary, and you may skip any question.

Need more information?

If you have questions about the project, how data will be used, or the data request process, please contact:

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